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On Your Guard

Students Are Their Target

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THE PRO-COMMUNISTS have started a so-called "Peace Corps" of their own.

It's aimed at students across the country.

The come-on is free books, or subscriptions to pro-Red newspapers and bargain deals on books and pamphlets written by Communists or their sympathizers.

The pro-Red gimmick to "educate" our "backward" youth is the brainchild of the publishing house of Marzani & Munsell, Inc., of New York City. They also run the Liberty Book Club and Prometheus Paperback, a division of Liberty.

The recruiters for what they term the "progressive student Peace Corps" will try to line up boys and girls in mail approaches and through campus agents making personal contacts.

Many students will get unsolicited pitches because their names were turned in, maybe innocently, by others who got a free book for the name.

Here's how this came about. A letter from the president of Marzani & Munsell, Carl Marzani, to thousands of "spotters" across the country, declared:

"This is our operation: a kind of progressive student Peace Corps. We ask your help and in exchange we will send you 'Cuba vs. the CIA' free of charge. We ask you to give us the name of a student and one dollar. More if you can.

"If you know many students and are short of money, send the names.



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If you are short on names and long on the green, send the money. But if you'll just take a minute right now and fill in the list below, you will be guaranteeing a real breakthrough on the campuses, an operating base for expansion of our publications . . . for we intend to follow up with ads in papers, campus agents and so forth. It is a fresh and refreshing idea and could be the most important and rewarding operation that progressives could undertake."

The free book, which is an attack on the U. S. Government, is co-authored by Marzani. The book gives this outwardly impressive biography of Marzani:

"He served during the war in the Office of Strategic Services which was the predecessor agency of the Central Intelligence Agency. After the war, he held a responsible position in the State Department Intelligence Office."

Left unsaid were these pertinent facts about Marzani:

He worked in the State Department during World War II while a member of a Communist cell. He served a jail sentence from 1949 to 1951 for perjury for denying his Red activities.

On Nov. 12, 1956, Marzani, 49, was called before the House Un-American Activities Committee and was asked:

"Are you a member of an organization designed to destroy the Constitution of the U. S.?"

His answer: "I decline to answer on the basis of the First, Fifth and Ninth Amendments."

Marzani's partner, Alexander E. O. Munsell, refused to answer questions about Communist activities when summoned before the Senate Internal Security Committee on June 21, 1956.

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